

CORNERSTONE COLLEGE PROMOTES ECUMENICAL MISSIONS

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Cornerstone College, a GARBC-approved Christian College in Grand Rapids, Michigan, is helping advance new evangelicalism and compromise by partnering with new evangelical mission agencies through their media ministry known as Mission Network News (MNN). Described as a "ministry" and a "service" of Cornerstone College, Mission Network News offers daily satellite feeds to radio stations across North America with mission news "from a wide range of evangelical mission organizations." The MNN website says, "Since November of 1995 we've told the stories of nearly 400 evangelical mission groups from around the world ... Individual Christians benefit by getting the news they need to help them pray, give and even serve in world missions. Local churches will experience increased enthusiasm for missions among their people." What evangelical mission organizations have united with MNN? The website adds: "The following organizations have joined Mission Network News as partners in this ministry. Their financial and news contributions make this media outreach possible."

The list of partners includes the Baptist World Alliance, Pat Robertson's Christian Broadcasting Network, Evangelism Explosion International, the Jesus Film Project, Luis Palau Evangelistic Association, Lutheran Bible Translators, International Bible Society and Youth for Christ international, to name only a few.

Certainly Cornerstone College has no reservations about uniting with and even promoting such compromised mission agencies through their media ministry. GARBC pastors and leaders who desire to be faithful to the Word of God and to the separatist position which the GARBC had at its beginning should refuse to be identified with any college or seminary, such as Cornerstone College, that advances the cause of new evangelicalism. (Foundation, March-April 1999).

NOTE FROM BROTHER CLOUD: Compromised schools and missionary endeavors are two of the chief ways the ecumenical movement is gaining entrance among those who claim to be fundamental Baptists.

It is not enough for a school to claim to be fundamentalist or to have a fundamentalist heritage. It must demonstrate a militancy for the truth, openly practicing separation from error and indoctrinating its students plainly in the principles of biblical fundamentalism. This involves teaching them to identify and avoid New Evangelicalism, Ecumenism, Charismatic confusion, and all other false isms of the end times apostasy. One thing a truly fundamentalist institution will do is make available to the students a wide range of sound fundamentalist writings. I can walk into the bookstore of a school and know right away whether or not it has a fundamentalist position. If the shelves are filled with books by New Evangelical authors and publishers and those books contain no warnings, I know that school is New Evangelical in practice and in truth cares nothing about biblical fundamentalism. I witnessed this a few months ago when I visited the bookstore of the Baptist Bible College in Springfield, Missouri. There was very to remind me that I was in the bookstore of a Bible-believing fundamentalist institution. It is almost exactly like the ecumenical bookstores operated by the Southern Baptist Convention. The shelves were filled with the same positive-only watered-down teaching, psychological mumbo-jumbo, self-esteemism, unscriptural

church growth philosophy, etc. Popular New Evangelical authors like Wiersbe, Palau, Campolo, Colson, Packer, Lucado, and Maxwell were prominent.

There are many men within the General Association of Regular Baptists who think of themselves as fundamentalists and who get angry when reports are given that expose the compromise and apostasy of GARBC-approved institutions. These men are deceiving themselves. Any school that promotes New Evangelical speakers and non-critically stocks New Evangelical books IS New Evangelical.

The list of the missions agencies affiliated with Cornerstone College's Mission Network News includes radical Charismatics who believe in extra-biblical revelation (Pat Robertson and the CBN), Lutherans who practice infant baptism (Lutheran Bible Translators), publishers of the corrupted New International Version (International Bible Society), theological modernism (the Baptist World Alliance includes extremely liberal groups such as the Baptist Union in England) and those who yoke together with Roman Catholics in evangelism and who have Roman Catholics on their staff (Luis Palau and Youth for Christ).

I have long observed that many fundamental Baptists become ecumenists on the mission field. An example is the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism (ABWE). Their well-known work in Bangladesh has long compromised the truth by yoking together with deeply apostate organizations such as Wheaton College and the United Bible Societies. Dr. Ralph Colas and Dr. Ernest Pickering resigned from the board of ABWE in the late 1980s because of its compromise. Veteran Australian missionary David Bennett took the difficult step in 1992 of resigning from ABWE because of "its drift."

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